

## RED CLOUD CHIEF

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### CURRENT COMMENT.

The Pope has abandoned the proposed European congress on slavery.

W. D. DINKINS, a young lawyer of Manning, S. C., tried to rob the county treasurer's office the other night, but failed.

W. W. SMITH, one of the Justices of the Arkansas Supreme Court, died the other night at Little Rock from consumption.

Ranch finds of gold are reported in the mountains six miles from Sentinel, Ariz., but the extent of the field was not known.

The widow of the late Chief Justice Waite, who had been critically ill with pneumonia in Washington, was reported much better.

The Panama railroad has been washed out in several places by heavy storm and the Panama canal has been much damaged.

The bill for the division of the great Sioux reservation in Dakota, prepared by Delegate Gifford, has been favorably reported to the House.

The South Carolina Senate has passed a bill to appropriate \$50,000 per year to be used in caring for indigent and disabled veterans.

MEMORIAL services in honor of the late General Sheridan were held in Tremont Temple on the 18th under the auspices of the city of Boston.

In the recent Parliamentary election at Colchester, Eng., the former Conservative majority was reduced three hundred on a largely increased vote.

A SLEEPING car on the Illinois Central railway caught fire the other night near Kankakee, Ill., while the passengers were asleep. No one was injured.

E. N. YELLAND, of Philadelphia, has transferred to the trustees of Wilberforce University, Dayton, O., one thousand acres of rich mineral lands in Eastern Kentucky.

At the fourth annual meeting of the National Indian Defense Association in Washington, D. C., Alexander Kent was re-elected president and Captain W. Bickford secretary.

THREE members of the G. A. R. pension legislation committee were in conference in Chicago recently, devising a way to push the Dependent Pension bill in the next Congress.

The Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company has given \$200,000 extra pay to the families of the men who were lost on the company's steam collier *Albion* of the Cohasset, Mass., November 26.

DR. JAMES E. REEVES, of Chattanooga, Tenn., an eminent microscopist, has been studying the tissues of the liver and kidney from persons dying with yellow fever, and has discovered a micro organism that closely resembles a specific germ.

THE Navy Department is informed that the United States steamship *Trenton*, flagship of the Pacific station, is now at Panama, with Rear Admiral Kimberly on board, and that it is proposed to keep her there until all danger of trouble on the Isthmus is past.

It is rumored that the Earl of Shrewsbury, who supplies London with hansom cabs, is about to invade both Paris and New York with his conveyances. He will furnish New York with cabs, it is said, which will carry a passenger to any part of the city for twenty-five cents.

ANOTHER crank turned up at the White House the other day. He was a man of medium height and dressed in the regulation old soldier cut, his right sleeve being pinned to his breast. He announced that his name was Hoover, and that he had been elected President of the United States by the Knights of Labor and Independents. He was placed under arrest.

WILLIAM RALSTON, who has been made insane over too close attention to the subject of the Whitechapel murders, is the well-known writer of folk lore and myths, and has written several well-known books and contributed a number of articles to English periodicals. He became interested in the mysterious murders to such an extent that his mind was unbalanced, and he is now in the custody of a keeper.

The chief of the secret service division of the Treasury Department in his annual report says that the representative value of the counterfeit money captured during the year was \$2,117,523, of which over \$2,000,000 were imitations and the remainder were counterfeit notes. Only two counterfeit notes made their appearance, both being silver certificates, and both very poor imitations.

The Honorable Artillery Company, of London, the oldest military body in the world, and a portion of whose members visited America recently, has been disbanded. The Prince of Wales had become disaffected with the manner in which the finances of the organization were managed, and also with the lack of discipline which existed in its ranks. He had urged the members to abandon their charter privileges and become a part of the regular volunteer forces. This suggestion was opposed by a majority of the officers, and as a consequence the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Portland and others sent in their resignations and forwarded a complaint of this condition of the company to the Queen and she withdrew the company's warrant.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK

Glenned by Telegraph and Mail.

### CONGRESS.

When the Senate met on the 17th the resolution for evening sessions was taken up and an amendment offered that the regular hour for the meeting of the Senate be eleven o'clock a. m., which elicited a spirited discussion. The resolution finally went over on a day. The tariff bill was then considered until adjournment. The House, in Committee of the Whole, proceeded to consider the Legislative Appropriation bill, debate on which continued until adjournment.

The Senate on the 18th passed the House bill incorporating the American Historical Society with amendments. Senator Edmunds introduced resolutions that the United States Government will look with serious concern and disapproval on the connection of any European Government with the construction or control of any ship canal across the Isthmus of Central America, which was referred.

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REAR-ADMIRAL was played at Sympy, R. S. W., on the 18th. The score was 11-10.

It is reported that a combination of all the electric light interests is being arranged for with a capital of \$2,000,000. Edison light stock has been steadily rising on the Stock Exchange and has reached 170.

The jury at Boston in the case of Mrs. Fiske against Boston and Walley, stock brokers, to recover \$50,000 alleged to have been lost in speculation by her son, have agreed upon a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$34,775.

The London Standard thinks the recent change in the Baltimore & Ohio management not conducive to honest management. Several American newspapers take the same view.

Textual catalogues of Harvard College will show the total number of students to be 1,800 against 1,600 last year. This is a rise of 250 against 225 last year.

The Wiener Tagblatt says that 1,000 Austrian and German subjects were expelled from Vienna in a short time. No reason was assigned.

Two small children of Mrs. Staff, colored, living in Indianapolis, Ind., were burned to death the other morning during the absence of their mother.

ROBERT CANALIZ has finally passed a bill giving the Railroad Commission power to fix rates of transportation for freight and passengers, to prevent unjust discrimination, etc.

FRANKLIN THOMAS, of the suspended California National Bank of San Francisco, has issued a statement, showing assets of \$718,000. He claimed the liabilities amounted to the same figure.

Two workmen on the Eiffel tower, which is being constructed at the foot of the tower of the exhibition next year in Paris, have gone on a strike.

"HUGBOY JOE," the noted New York confidence man, has been sent to the Maryland penitentiary for a term of five years for swindling a Baltimore man out of \$5,000.

The execution of the condemned Bald Knobler, in jail at Ozark, Mo., has been postponed to February 15 next. Governor Monmouth ordered the postponement at the solicitation of Judge Hubbard, who tried the case.

EDWARD MEREDITH, one of the assassins of gambler Daly in a New York flat recently, has been sentenced to eight years and ten months in State's prison, and Hoffman, his confederate, to six years and eleven months. The cases of the women have not been heard.

During the revision of the excise laws of New York State by a commission, Rev. Dr. Leonard Crockett, of the Episcopal Church, who sought to overthrow the Sabbath.

The three-year-old boy cot Galore, a famous young English racer, has been purchased by Americans for \$7,000. Milton Young, of Kentucky, has offered \$10,000 for the boy, but he has been refused.

A NEW epidemic has broken out on the horse ranches of the Lower Yellowstone river and is spreading with great rapidity. It affects the glands of the throat and jaw.

By the derailing of a train near Houston, Tex., the other day, three men were killed and four injured. The train was carrying a large number of passengers.

The President has pardoned Benjamin Hopkins, the bank defaulter of Cincinnati, on the ground of ill-health.

Business failures (Don's report) for the week ending December 20, numbered 311 as against 323 the previous week and 220 the corresponding week of last year.

The six-story picture frame of Strobel & Co., Cincinnati, burst on the morning of the 22d. The picture frame was worth \$25,000.

A CHEMIST's assistant, who was attending a party in a room at the Hotel de Ville, Paris, was killed by a gas explosion.

THOMAS HUNTER, jailer at the County Jail, Wash. D. C., was overpowered by five prisoners the other night and could raise an alarm. The prisoners were released.

It is stated that National Bank of Abilene has again got into circulation. In some mysterious manner they failed to reach the market, where it was intended they should be destroyed.

DR. A. RICHMOND, who murdered Colonel J. W. Strong, editor of the St. Joseph Herald, June 18, 1893, has returned from Camargo, Ill., to the asylum at St. Joseph, Mo.

The French steamer *Marseilles*, which sailed from Bordeaux, November 25, for New Orleans direct with a full cargo of merchandise and passengers, was wrecked on a reef off the coast of Cuba.

THE steamer *Zealandia* brings news of two more battles between the natives of Matana and Tamaoos at Samoa. Nearly three hundred natives were killed and wounded. It was asserted that the continued bad state of affairs was due to further German interference.

The Sultan of Siam has issued a decree proclaiming that murderers shall forfeit their lives and that thieves shall lose their left hands.

Official dispatches were received on the 22d of the arrival of Stanley and Emin on the Aru river.

The steamer *Katonia* Republic was captured by the American men-of-war at Port-au-Prince. Much hard feeling was expressed in Hayti at what was termed the high-handed proceedings of the United States Government.

CLEARING house returns for week ended December 22 showed an average increase of \$1.5 compared with the corresponding week last year. In New York the increase was \$1.1.

NITRO-GLYCERINE (200 pounds) exploded at Buchanan Hollow, near Bradford, Pa., recently. Two men were killed and several others injured.

THREE masked men made a raid on a Chinese laundry at 21 Pico, Tex., the other night, killing Ah Wing and seriously wounding King Pung. The yelling of the Chinaman was so terrific that the robbers were frightened off before obtaining any booty.

The Federal grand jury at Indianapolis, Ind., has adjourned until January 14. The status of the Dedley case before the jury remains for the present a secret.

GLADSTONE was received with a tremendous ovation at Naples on the 22d. Enthusiastic students attempted to draw him in his carriage, but Mr. Gladstone forbade them.

REARERS from China are that in Beijing, November 20, 200 houses out of the 10,000 in the town were burned, including the post-office and most of the temples. Soon after the flames were extinguished the river was swollen by a flood, burst in the city and destroyed many houses and greatly damaged crops. These troubles caused great misery.

PROF. D. E. STOKES, of the Prof. Rankin exploring party in Wyoming, has been fatally hurt by a silver-clip bear. He had shot the brute when he sneaked him before he could kill her.

LAURENCE OLIVIER, the well known English writer, died at London on the 22d. The cause of death was cancer of the lungs. He was born in 1853 and lived for thirty-nine years. The total amount of his estate was valued at \$100,000. Various gratuities amounted to \$10,000.

## NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

DR. GEORGE W. WILLIAMS was found dead in his office at Omaha the other morning about nine o'clock, by his friend and attorney Mr. Blair, who had made an appointment the day before to meet Dr. Williams in the latter's office. He went to the office about eight o'clock, and after repeated knocks and no response entered the room to find his friend and client reclining in an easy posture apparently asleep. From letters left it was apparent that he had taken poison. He had but recently been arrested upon the charge of poisoning an abortion.

While attempting Peter Stewart recently attempted to kill his wife at Blair, but her corset steel turned the bullet. He then turned his pistol on himself, but although he received an ugly wound it was not fatal.

SOME time ago the wife of John L. Leffer, residing near O'Neill, left him and began eloping for divorce. A few days since neighbors heard the report of a revolver, and rushing into Leffer's residence found the body of his wife lying on a rug in his breast. He did not seem to be seriously hurt, but remained in a semi-comatose condition a day or two when his wife returned to nurse him. When she had expressed repentance for her action, he suddenly recovered his senses and said he would leave her. He was found dead in his bed, having shot himself with a revolver, hoping to secure his wife's return by the threat he had tried to kill himself for.

REAR-ADMIRAL, Cherry County, the other day Stephen Mead shot his wife through the head with a revolver, causing instant death. He then shot himself several times with the same weapon and then securing a shotgun discharged the contents under the chin, which caused his death. He had quarreled frequently with his wife and on the day of the tragedy she told him she would leave him. They leave four small children.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER, a well-to-do resident of Lancaster County, was found dead in the morning. He was seventy-three years old and had been in ill-health for some time, but the night before his death appeared to be in unusual good health.

Two men representing themselves to be doctors connected with a medical concern in Omaha and giving the names of Arthur J. Miles and Henry V. Oldsby, were recently arrested at Nelson on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

The last of the vaudeville acts secured and it was with great difficulty that he succeeded in reaching the rear through the blinding smoke and flames which filled the cabin. Captain Check, who was with the cork, seized a life preserver and putting it on the cork, he floated down about three miles before he was rescued by parties who had walked ashore and followed him down the river.

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There were about twenty-five colored cabin passengers who were saved along with the white passengers. On the lower deck, however, a fearful panic seized the crew and deck passengers. Those who were out of the escape from the lower deck were compelled to jump overboard to save their lives. The captain of the steamer had swung out into the river in the effort made to launch the yawl and many of its occupants drowned. They were mostly colored men, but there were three or four women in the crowd.

The lost, so far as can be learned, are as follows: George Corbett, third clerk, aged twenty-eight years, who had launched the yawl, and was trying to save the colored women on the lower deck; he leaves a wife and two children in St. Louis; Joe Porter, Andrew Rees, Monroe Jackson, Jim Nelson, Senator Coleman, Hilford Horton, Lee Finley, Frank Wells. Of these the first six named were members of the colored cabin crew and the other two colored rowboats.

In addition about fifteen deck passengers, four of whom were white men, were also drowned. In this list of unknown were three colored women and two children. They were coming to Memphis to spend the holidays. The whites had been working on the levees and their names and destination are unknown.

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AN ASSAULT has at last been given that the school building will be finished and ready for occupancy on or before the first day of the new year.

The Presbyterianism of Plattsmouth are preparing to build a new church in one block.

## BURNING STEAMER.

Thirty-five Lives Lost By the Burning of the *Katie Adams*.

On the Lower Mississippi—Captain and Pilot Ran the Ship Down.

The Chief Clerk Attempts to Save Valuable—His Narrow Escape—Panic on the Lower Deck.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 21.—The elegant passenger steamer, *Katie Adams*, running between Memphis and New Orleans, and Arkansas City, burned yesterday morning near Commerce, Miss., forty miles south of here, and at least thirty-five persons lost their lives, while many more had narrow escapes. The vessel was on route to Memphis and had about 300 people aboard, including her deck and cabin crew of eighty, and twenty-five cabin and sixty deck passengers and 250 colored cabin passengers.

The fire, which caught in some cotton near the forward end of the boiler, was discovered about eight o'clock. The passengers were at breakfast and when the alarm was given they all made a rush for the forward deck. At the time the steamer was about 300 yards from the Mississippi side of the river and her bow was at once headed for the shore.

Pilot John Barton was on watch and he remained heroically at his post until he was safely landed. Harry Best, the second fire, who was seated at the table when the alarm was given, leaped overboard and he was compelled to retreat to the rear and climbed over the rails and descended to the cabin.

Chief Clerk W. C. Blomker made an effort to save the money and papers of the steamer, which were in the cabin. He managed to save the money, but was cut off from the bow and forced back into the cabin. As he was groping his way aft, he stumbled and fell over some chairs and lost all the valuables he had secured and it was with great difficulty that he succeeded in reaching the rear through the blinding smoke and flames which filled the cabin.

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The British Forces Have a Fight With the Arabs Involving Sudanese and Chams Who Have Been Driven From the Sudan.

London, Dec. 20.—The combined force of British and Egyptian troops have made an attack upon the rebel position. They stormed the redoubt and trenches and after a brilliant engagement, lasting half an hour, drove the enemy into the bush.

The forts shelled the trenches, keeping up a terrible fire. The enemy held their ground within the trenches until the black brigade charged, which fell after half an hour's hard fighting. The rebels fought with a fanatical bravery. Two of the enemy's guns were captured. The naval brigade did splendid work.

The Scottish borderers are now at work unbreaching